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Iraqi Police graduate 1,816 from basic training

BAGHDAD, Iraq – The Iraqi Police Service graduated 1,816 police officers from basic police training courses in Sulaymaniyah, Al Hillah, and Baghdad August 4. Completing the 10-week training course were 137 police recruits from the Sulaymaniyah Regional Academy, 643 from the Al Hillah Regional Academy, and 952, including 16 females, from the Baghdad Police College. Completing the three-week Transitional Integration Program (TIP) in Baghdad were 84 police officers.

The 10-week basic police training program is designed to provide fundamental and democratic policing skills based on international human rights standards to the students in preparation for assuming police officer responsibilities. The program consists of academic study of general policing topics combined with a heavy emphasis to tactical operational policing skills. The basic police training course was recently modified to increase combat survival and police skills training while building an attitude of teamwork and cohesion. New classes were added that provide for more hands-on and practical training exercises especially addressing specific survival skills needed by today's Iraqi Police Service officers.

The TIP course is a three-week program developed for serving police officers with little or no prior basic training. TIP will provide these officers with a condensed version of the 10-week course. More than 40,000 police recruits have previously completed the longer course developed for new recruits. An additional 37,000 police officers have completed the TIP course to date. The new officers will report for duty in the coming weeks and take up their assignments at their respective police stations throughout Iraq.

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